

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT

An R-T-B system rare earth permanent magnet, which comprises ~~at least~~ main phase grains consisting ~~essentially~~ of $R_2T_{14}B$ compounds and a grain boundary phase having a higher amount of R than the above described main phase grains, and which satisfies ~~the following formulas:~~ $AVE(X)/Y = 0.8$ to 1.0 ; and $(X/Y)_{max}/(X/Y)_{min} = 2.0$ to 13.0 , wherein X represents ~~(the weight ratio of heavy rare earth elements)/(the weight ratio of all the rare earth elements)~~ for a given number of the above described main phase grains ~~in the above described sintered body~~; Y represents ~~(the weight ratio of heavy rare earth elements)/(the weight ratio of all the rare earth elements)~~ for the sintered body as a whole; AVE(X) represents the mean value of X obtained for the given number of ~~the~~ main phase grains; $(X/Y)_{min}$ represents the minimum value of (X/Y) obtained for the given number of ~~the~~ main phase grains; and $(X/Y)_{max}$ represents the maximum value of (X/Y) obtained for the given number of ~~the~~ main phase grains.